(f) what steps are contemplated to review the prices of semi-synthetic penicillin and formulations based thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) While some producers have given the requisite data, other producers have not yet furnished the data to BICP.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The prices of three semi-synthetic Penicillins namely, Ampicillin Trihydrate, Ampicillin Anhydrous and Amoxicillin Trihydrate have been revised rrom time to time on the basis of available cost data with the Government on account of change in customs duty rate, change in exchange rate of duty, convertibility of Rupee, change in the ratio of imported and indigenous Penicillin-G and increase in other input costs etc. to ensure availability and to avoid shortages.

(d) The notified price in the maximum price that can be charged by the manufacturer and it does not preclude, the manufacturers from selling below the notified price.

(e) No, Sir. Such incidentals are allowed to cover the expenses incurred on Central/State Sales Tax, freight, insurance, handling charges, purchase tax, entry tax, octroi etc. wherever applicable.

(f) Does not arise.

ANOMALIES IN SALES OF DRUGS IN RESPECT OF PRINTED PRICES

3049. DR. NARREDY THULASI REDDY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be please to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that several manufacturers are selling their formulations to the distributors at less than half the maximum Retail Price printed on the label;

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

(c) whether it is a fact that his Ministry have not specified maximum rate of Trade Commission and have given blanket exemption to small scale;

(d) whether these anomalies are within the knowledge of his Ministry and if so, since when; and

(e) what steps have been taken to take remedial action so that prices of medicines could be brought down ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) to (e) In accordance with the provisions of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987, maximum allowable post manufacturing expenses (MAPE) are specified for all price controlled formulations. No separate rate for trade commissions is specified as this forms part of MAPE.

INCREASE IN BULK DRUG PRICES OVERLOOKING BICP'S COST-CUM-TECHNICAL STUDY

3050. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL :

SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU :

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry increased the prices of bulk drugs without the cost cum technical study by BICP under DPCO, 1987 ;

(b) if so, the names of such drugs, when was the price of each increased, what was the earlier and revised price of each; and

(c) what are the basis on which price was increased and how many times such increases were allowed of each drug under DPCO, 1987 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) (a) to (c) Prices of four bulk drugs were revised and notified in the Gazette from time to time on the basis of available cost data without recourse to detail Cost-cum-Technical Study, to ensure availability of these drugs. The notified increase/reduction in the prices of these drugs are given in the statement.

Statement

S. No.	Name of the Bulk Drug	Unit	Earlier Price (Rs)	Revised Price (Rs)	Date of Notification
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Ampicillin Trihydrate	Kg	1859	2054	6-9-88
			2054	1925	21-3-89
			1925	2216	9-10-91
			2216	2516	13-4-92
			2516	3098	27-7-92
			3098	2885	22-6-93
2.	Amoxycillin Trihydrate	Kg	2495	2865	6-9-88
			2865	2650	21-3-89
			2650	2093	11-2-91
			2093	2649	14-10-91
			2649	2922	13-4-92
			2922	3216	27-7-92
3.	Ampicillin Anhydrous	Kg	2358	2790	1-6-88
			2790	2631	21-3-89
			2631	3341	24-4-92
			3341	3599	27-7-92
4.	Doxycycline	Kg	5485	4968	9-3-90
			4968	5416	20-8-92